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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 7-11, 14 and 15 as follows: ✓

1. (Twice Amended) A method for determining a direction or parallelism of a beam, comprising:
forming a beam;
forming an adjusted intensity profile from at least a portion of the beam at a first position;
detecting at least one variation in intensity in the adjusted intensity profile downstream of the first position; and
determining a direction or parallelism of the beam relative to a reference direction in response to detecting a distance in at least one dimension between a position where the at least one variation in intensity is detected and the first position where the adjusted intensity profile is formed.